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SUBJ: MAJ GEN SHAIKH MUBARAK'S VIEW ON US MILITARY ASSISTANCE
ACTIVITIES

1. FOLLOWING RETURN OF DOD REP FORM CONUS, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF MAJ GEN SHAIKH MUBARAK AND DOD REP ON 11 JUNE.
2. MAJ GEN SHAIKH MUBARAK EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUING SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS OF A-4 PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED WISH THAT OTHERS COULD PROCEED AS WELL.
3. ON SUBJECT OF MILITARY TRAINING CENTER, CONTINUED INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED AND MILD ANNOYANCE AT THE SLOW RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST OF LAST AUGUST.
4. INTEREST IN HARPOON EQUIPPED PATROL CRAFT REMAINS HIGH. HE DESIRES AN EARLY REPLY TO THEIR FORMAL REQUEST.

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5. MAJ GEN MUBARAK EXPRESSED HIS RELIEF THAT THE PROBLEMS

IN THE AUTOMOTIVE/ENGINEER EQUIPMENT CASES AND ASSOCIATED SPARE PARTS WERE RECEIVING ATTENTION AND SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS BEING MADE. HE ALSO STATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE USG IN THIS MATTER AND COMPARED OUR PERFORMANCE TO THE GERMANS. COMPARABLE QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENTS WERE ORDERED AT THE SAME TIME. THE GERMAN (MERCEDES) TRUCKS (ABOUT 1000) ARE HERE, THE US ARE NOT. ALSO, THE GERMAN SPARE PARTS ARRIVED IN GOOD CONDITION WELL PACKED WITH DOCUMENTATION LISTING CONTENTS AND VALUE OF EACH CONTAINER. MAJOR PROBLEMS BEING EXPERIENCED WITH US SUPPLIED SPARE PARTS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

6. IN RESPONSE TO AN OBSERVATION THAT THE NEWSPAPERS HAD REPORTED THE GOK PURCHASE OF THE FRENCH AMX TANK, MAJ GEN MUBARAK AVOIDED THE QUESTION WITH A REPLY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PAPERS PRINT MANY THINGS.

7. ON THE MATTER OF DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (M113 SERIES), MAJ GEN MUBARAK EXPRESSED HIS DIS-SATISFACTION WITH THE 30 MONTH DELIVERY SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN THE LETTERS OF OFFER.

8. GENERALLY, MEETING WAS CORDIAL WITH A FREE DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM AREAS ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SHARP "JABS" ON THE AUTO-MOTIVE/ENGINEER AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS. COMPARISON WITH GERMANS POINTED.

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